



# Weekly Report

<b>Week ending:</b>	11 October 2024	<b>Priority:</b>	Medium
<b>Security classification:</b>	In confidence	<b>Tracking number:</b>	MFR2024-142

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Action sought</b>
<b>Hon David Seymour</b> <b>MINISTER FOR REGULATION</b>	<b>Note</b> the contents of this report

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**Minister's comments:**

# Actions

Action		Due date	Status update
A2024-032	Include in future advice how MfR plans to raise RIA standards prior to the enactment of the RSB	8 October	Briefing MFR2024-110 was delivered on 9 October. This action is now completed and <b>closed</b> .
A2024-042	Consider case study in poor regulatory process	29 November	The RRT team has considered the issue and has sent a response to the party involved. No further investigation is warranted. This action is now <b>closed</b> .
A2024-039	s9(2)(f)(iv)		
A2024-044	(Legally Privileged) MfR to plan for the joint Ministers meeting with the AG on 22 October	18 October	New action.
A2024-043	s9(2)(f)(iv)		

# Briefings & Aides-mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
MFR2024-110	Draft Cabinet paper for Consultation: Improving Regulatory Policy Making	9 October
MFR2024-141	Vote Regulation: October Baseline Update	9 October
MFR2024-125	Options for the next regulatory review	11 October
MFR2024-129	Early Childhood Education Regulatory Review analysis of themes from submissions	11 October
MFR2024-130	s9(2)(f)(iv)	11 October
MFR2024-133	Update on ECE Review progress	11 October
MFR2024-136	Ministry for Regulation 2023/24 Report on Appropriations	11 October

Papers under development		Due date
MFR2024-128	ECE sector regulatory review licensing criteria initial findings	Late October
MFR2024-107	October update on Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review	1 November
MFR2024-139	s9(2)(f)(iv)	9 November

## Upcoming events/announcements

Date	Location	Event	Opportunity
Later October	Wellington	TBC - update on ECE review	TBC – Joint PR (with relevant regulatory agencies) and supporting communications products
Early November	Wellington	TBC – update on Ag Hort review	TBC – PR and supporting communications products
November	Wellington	TBC – public consultation on RSB opens	TBC – PR and supporting communications products
November	Wellington	TBC - one year since Minister Seymour received warrant as Minister for Regulation (potential for event)	TBC – PR and supporting communications products – an opportunity to highlight regulatory enhancements over the past year, and update on the Ministry’s progress
December	Wellington	TBC – ECE and Ag Hort regulatory review draft reports completed	TBC – PR and supporting communications products
December	Wellington	s9(2)(f)(iv)	

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# Updates

## Workforce and Recruitment Update

*For information*

The Ministry has 29 permanent employees with another eight appointed and due to start in the coming weeks.

The Chief Advisor advertisement closed on 9 October 2024 with a total of 57 applicants.

The Chief Economist advertisement is due to close on 13 October. Strong interest has been shown in this role with a number of high calibre applicants both domestically and internationally.

We continue to receive high numbers of applicants across all advertised roles.

Of our three Deputy Chief Executives:

- DCE, Policy: Andrew Royle commenced in this role 30 September
- DCE, Review and System Capability: Paul Delahunty is due to commence on 11 November
- DCE, Organisational Enablement: Paula Knaap is due to commence on 20 November

Andrew and Paula's appointments have been publicly announced (with some media interest received regarding Andrew's appointment). We will publicly release DCE Review and System Capability appointment on Monday 14 October

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## Early Childhood Education Regulatory Review

*For information*

The Early Childhood Education Sector Regulatory Review continues to analyse and test initial findings and recommendations with the Ministry of Education, Education Review Office, Ministry of Health and Ministry for Primary Industries regulatory subject matter experts. The purpose of testing is to:

- Understand the level of agreement on our findings and recommendations.
- Document where there is disagreement on our findings and recommendations.
- Confirm where additional information is required.
- Describe the implications of our recommendations, including risks and trade-offs.
- Discuss the cost and time required for implementation.

To date, we have held eight testing workshops covering regulatory monitoring, regulatory capability and performance, licencing criteria (multiple workshops), regulatory tools, curriculum,

qualifications and ratios, regulatory strategy, approach, culture and leadership. Our initial findings on licencing criteria will be provided to you on 18 October.

This week we have provided you with a report summarising the themes from all engagement and a briefing that outlines our lines of inquiry and an early view of the economics workstream.

Contact: Justine Fitzmaurice, Project Manager, Early Childhood Education Review. Ph: s9(2)(a)

## Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review

*For information*

This week the Agricultural and Horticultural Review team tested issues that came through the submissions process and underlying causes with agencies. This is a key step in verifying our analysis of the issues raised by stakeholders.

The first substantive meeting of the Sector Reference Group was held on Tuesday 8 October. Discussion focused on the raw outputs from the issues and causes workshops and the initial options under consideration by the Review.

Feedback on issues raised was generally positive, noting that there was a broad range of perspectives to incorporate. They made suggestions of potential alternative ways of structuring some issues, and these will be considered as the issues and causes work further develops.

The Sector Reference Group provided constructive feedback on the options provided. s9(2)(f)(iv)

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## Regulatory Response Team

For information

### New issues this week

RRT #	Issue	Description	Updates
RRT2024-034	Anti-competition in the Building Products Marketplace (Council Pre-Approved Products Lists)	The submitter has raised concern that some councils have a public list of pre-approved building products. The submitter considers this to be anti-competitive as smaller suppliers with less well-known products are not included in these lists. The submitter considers this results in greater market success by larger companies favoured by Councils in these pre-approved product lists.	MfR will prepare a letter to the submitter indicating it intends to investigate the issue further.
RRT2024-035	Healthy Homes Standards	The submitter has raised a concern that requirements under the Healthy Homes Standards (HHS) have added burden and cost for little (health) benefits for tenants. He also considers the Standards have contributed to fewer rentals and higher rents in New Zealand.	MfR are meeting with HUD on 11/10 on this issue and then will respond to the submitter.

### Closed issues this week

RRT #	Issue	Update
RRT2024-032	Anti-Money Laundering	This issue was added as a new issue in the week of 30/9 but will be dealt with alongside existing AML issue RRT2024-005. A letter has been sent to the submitter.

### Priority issues

Priority issues with substantial updates this week are provided below.

RRT #	Issue	Updates
RRT2024-003	Duplication of Children's Check	s9(2)(f)(iv)
RRT2024-005	Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Regulations	We wrote to MoJ on 7 October to outline what support we could offer for the AML review and we have agreed to fund two senior FTE for the first 9 months. MfR will continue to have involvement in the working group leading the reforms.

RRT2024-014	Incorporated society re-registration costs	We met with MBIE on 9 October and outlined the nature of the issues raised. They will be providing some further information next week and we will be using that to prepare a response to the submitter. A number of steps have been taken to address this issue and MBIE are open to considering anything further than can be done to support the implementation of the changes affecting Incorporated Societies before the deadline in April 2026
RRT2024-025	Medicines Exemption for Authorised Prescribers	s9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

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# Draft Cabinet paper consultations

Draft Cabinet papers that we have been consulted on will appear here. Only new papers or papers with updated commentary will be included in this table.

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